

NEW ACCESS for ELLs® On-line Test Administrator Training (2008-2009)

Purposes of the Online ACCESS for ELLs™ Test Administrator Training:

- To provide information and training materials to **licensed** ELL educators who are authorized to administer ACCESS for ELLs®;
- To provide sample speaking test items and sound files so that educators, who will administer ACCESS for ELLs® and/or the W-APT, can understand and interpret the Speaking rubrics and can implement and score the speaking test appropriately and accurately;
- To certify through the successful completion of online quizzes that educators who will administer ACCESS for ELLs® are qualified to do so.

In the 2008-2009 testing cycle, WIDA will no longer be using the UW-Oshkosh Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. The **NEW ACCESS for ELLs® Test Administrator Training** course can be (securely) accessed via the WIDA Consortium Web site <http://www.wida.us>. All users (including those previously enrolled in the D2L course) *must be reenrolled* in this new course. In Vermont, enrollment will be handled by the State. To have an account created, please e-mail James.McCobb@state.vt.us to request a new user name and password. Once a new account has been created, you will receive an automatically-generated enrollment email with your new user name and password.

ELL Coordinators have responsibility for overseeing the administration of the ACCESS for ELLs® in their district or supervisory union. If coordinators are not personally administering the test or training anyone else to do so, they are not *required* to be enrolled. However, coordinators who want to learn more about the test and their role and responsibilities as District Test Coordinators will find that the training course a good way to do that. Coordinators are not required to take the training course quizzes.

For those of you who have taken the training course in previous years, some of the changes in functionality in the new course at the WIDA website include:

- the automatic generation of a certificate indicating the date(s) on which educators have passed each quiz (can be accessed and printed at any time).
- the ability for users to enter their email addresses to receive an immediate reminder of their usernames which will then prompt them to reset their passwords.
- the ability for users to edit their state or district of employment, thereby modifying their enrollment in a particular group.
- WIDA's favorite benefit: the ability to customize, control and improve the content of our course at any time!

One major change to the training course in 2008-2009 is the introduction of WIDA's all **new ACCESS for ELLs® Kindergarten Test** which is intended to engage young English Language Learners with activities that are authentic to their classroom learning environment. The new Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs®, the secure annual assessment, will be used in all WIDA states, which means that **ALL** Kindergarten test administrators will be required to complete revised training this academic year prior to administering the test. Included at the training site is the Kindergarten Training Video for Test Administrators.

For any questions or concerns about the new training course, please contact the WIDA Help Desk at 1-866-276-7735 or help@wida.us. WIDA always welcomes feedback, as well!